

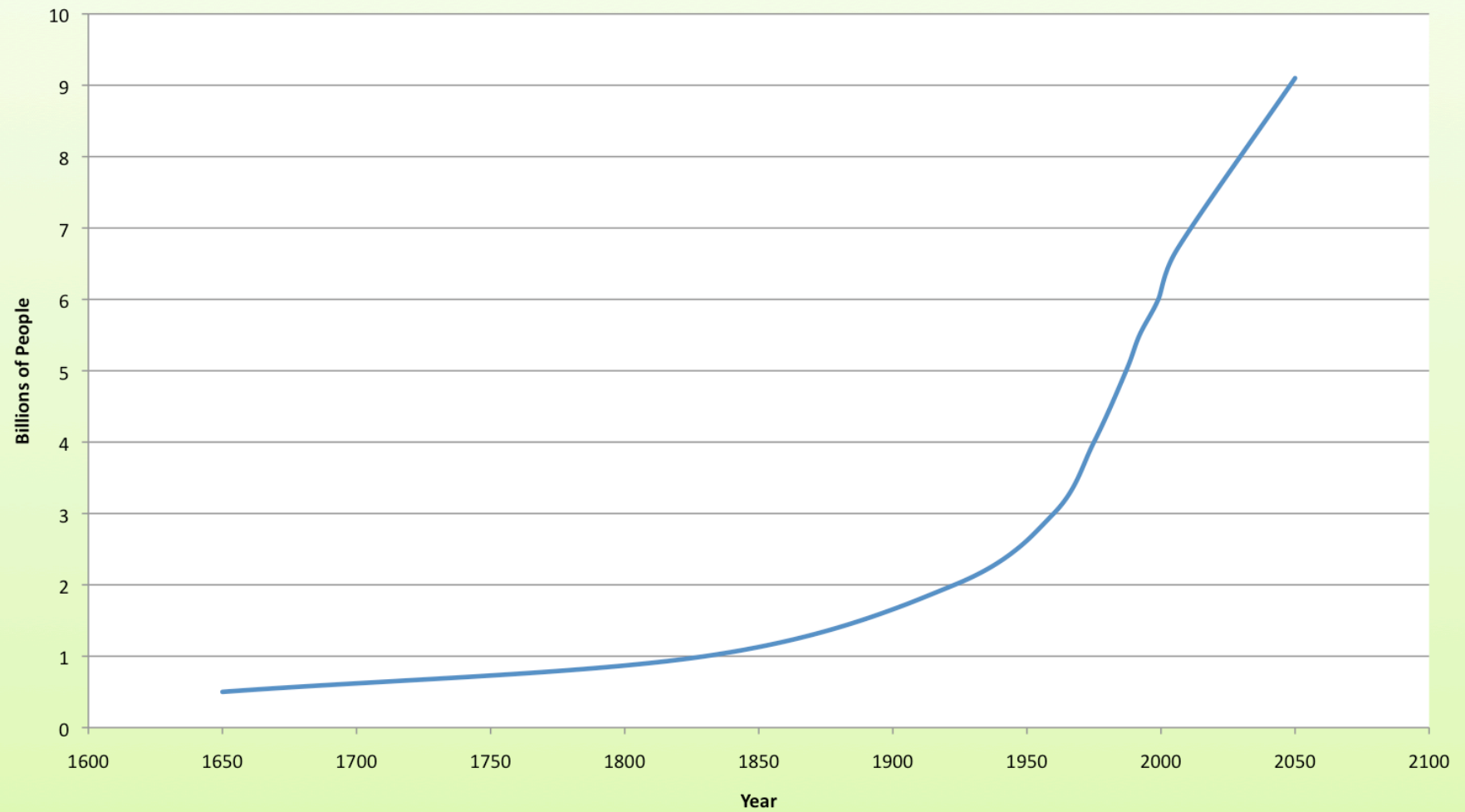
# Model United Nations

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# What is development?

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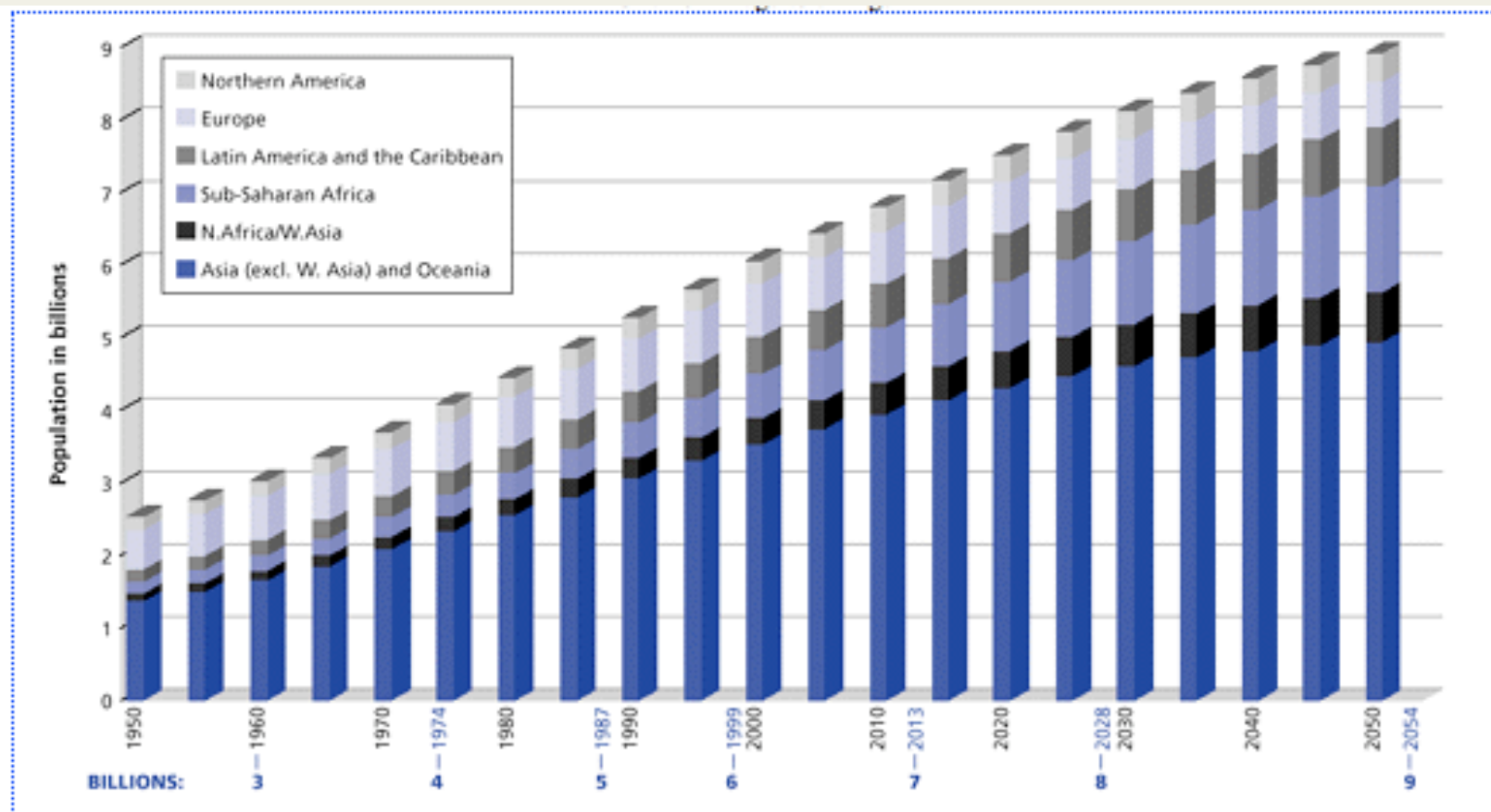
## Human Population on Earth



# Development: the growth of a society

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# Is there a limit to human population?



**Figure 7: Projected World Population Growth**

Source: [http://www.globalchange.umich.edu/globalchange2/current/lectures/human\\_pop/human\\_pop.html](http://www.globalchange.umich.edu/globalchange2/current/lectures/human_pop/human_pop.html)

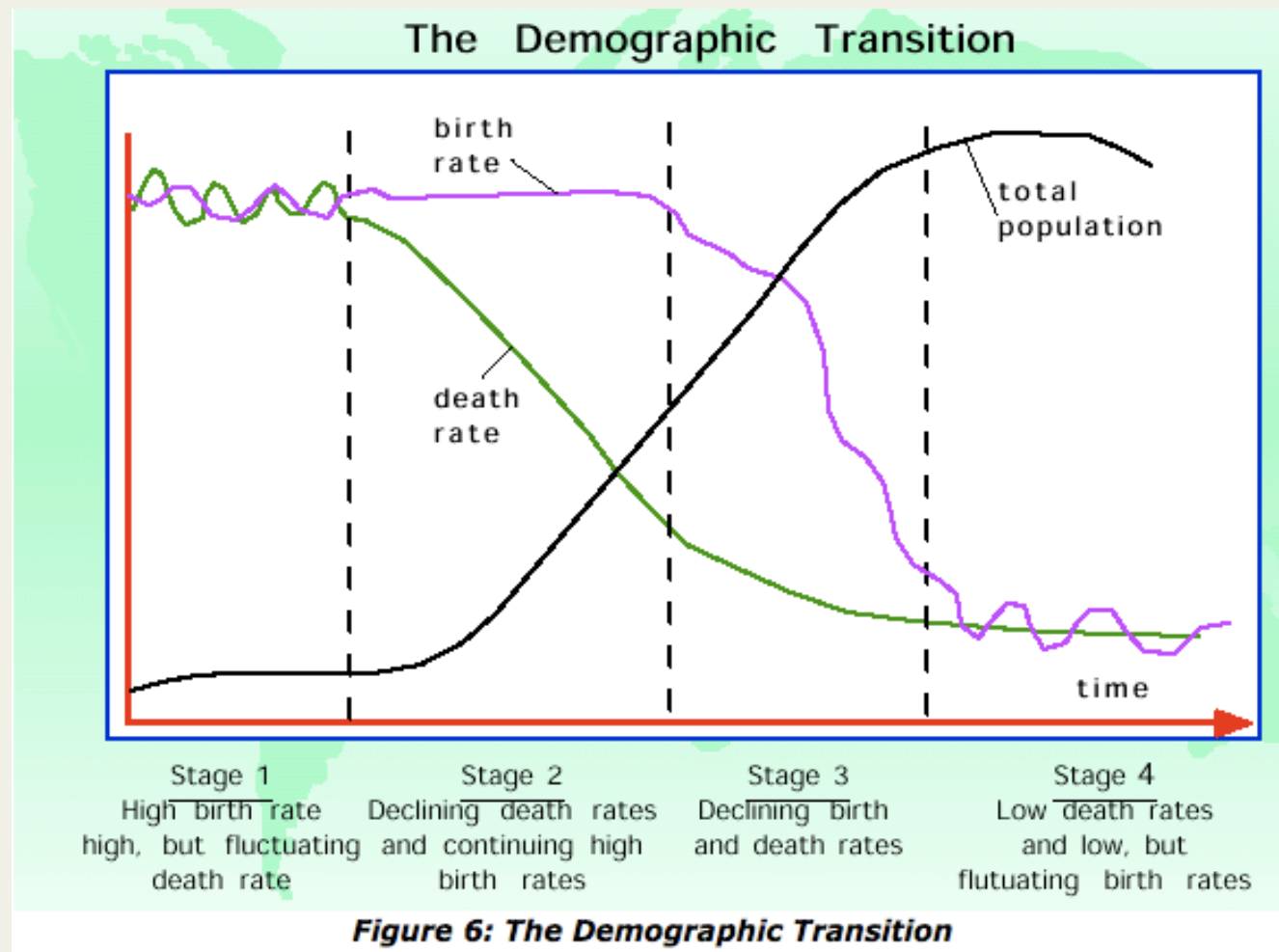
# The effects of Development

- World population is increasing.
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- As a society develops, its members have more wealth, allowing them to live longer, healthier lives.
- Rostow identified five stages of development based on the history of England's growth from a traditional to a modern society.

# The Rostow model

- Stage 1: a traditional society
  - Labor intensive agriculture is the main activity.
- Stage 2: a transitional stage
  - Surplus production is traded, capital increases.
- Stage 3: take off
  - A few major industries and large population centers.
- Stage 4: drive to maturity
  - Industry diversifies and grows; technology develops.
- Stage 5: high mass consumption
  - This is what your life looks like. 😊

# How society changes as it develops.



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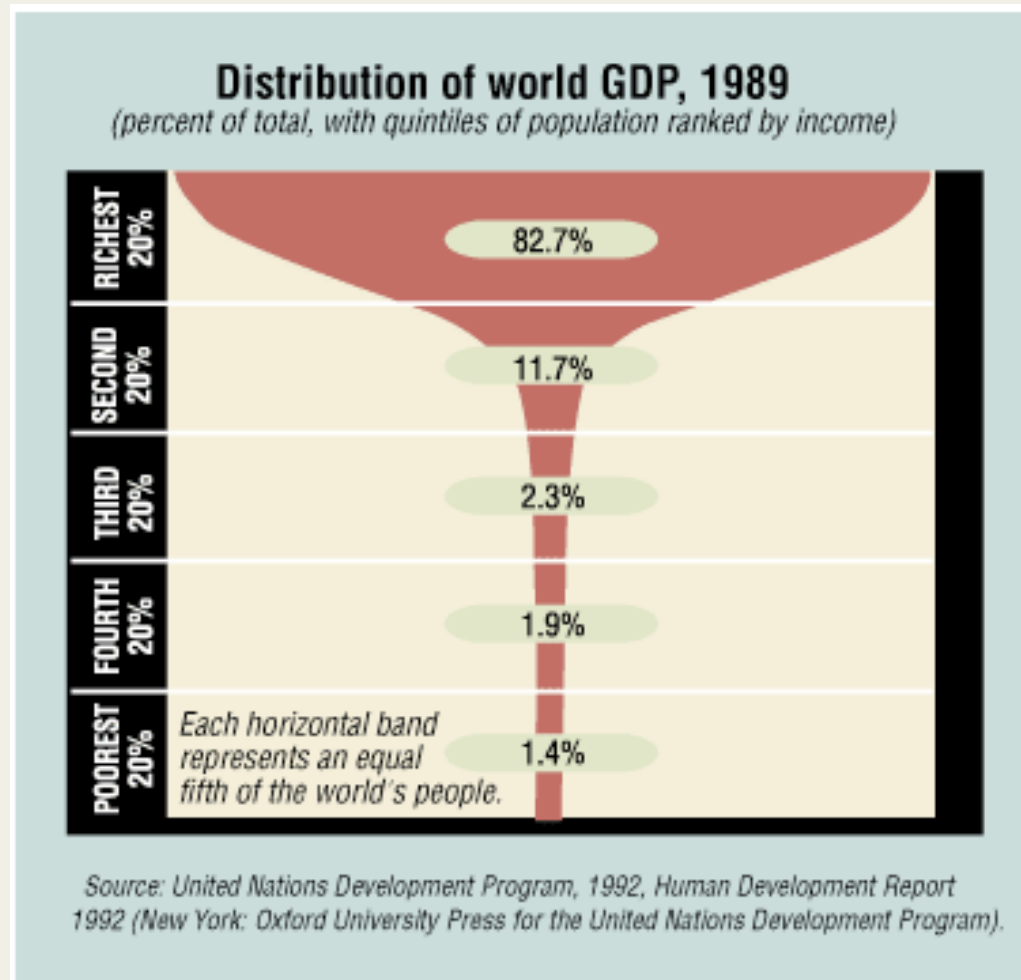
# The demographic transition

- An undeveloped society is a cruel place to live. Many people are born, and many people die young from malnutrition, disease, or other natural causes.
- A developing society enjoys longer life spans but an ever increasing population that can put a strain on individuals.
- A fully developed society has a large but stable population, so it feels like a very calm and predictable experience for most individuals.

# What has the UN learned ?

- Increasing the standard of living in poor societies (helping them develop) results in lower population growth rates.
- Increasing the level of education and technology available to a society helps it develop.
- A huge gap remains between the income levels of people in more economically developed societies (MEDCs) and those in less economically developed countries (LEDCEs).

# The top 20% own most of the wealth



Source: <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2001/12/wade.htm>

# The UN and development: 50 + years

- 1960 – UN admits 17 new member states, the most in one year, and many of them LEDCs.
- 1960 – a campaign was launched to address hunger around the world, not just through relief efforts, but through economic development.
- The 1960s were declared the “United Nations Development Decade.”
- During this time, the following UNOs were established: WFP, UNCTAD, UNDP

Source: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/issue4/0407p07.html>

# The UN and development: 50 + years

- 1970 – UN declares the 1970s the Second Development Decade, since the goals of the 1960s had not been met.
- 1974, Rome – Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition established the World Food Council
- In the 1970s, the world faced tough economic times because of a crisis in the distribution of oil.
- Once again, the goals of the UN were not met.

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- 1980s – UN declares the Third Development Decade and again finds it challenging to meet the goals it sets.
- 1990s – a variety of conferences leads to and supports the 1997 Agenda for Development.
- 2000 – The Millenium Declaration identifies 8 development goals to be achieved by 2015

# Further Reading:

- UN System sites, including the IMF and World Bank, are shown at this site.

<http://www.un.org/aboutun/chartlg.html>

- The Millenium Development Goals Bank, are shown on this site.

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>